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HARRISON WATER DISTRICT Revision to Terms and Conditions

ORDER APPROVING TERMS & CONDITIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 86, § 7.B

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY

The Commission approves the Harrison Water District (District) Terms and Conditions and grants an exemption (from Chapter 86, § 7.B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND AND DECISION

On May 30, 2000, the District filed with the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 307, proposed revisions to its schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Pages 1 through 6, all Original. The revisions were proposed to become effective on June 29, 2000.

The effective date of the proposed Terms and Conditions was suspended for three months (from and including June 29, 2000) by Suspension Order No. 1, dated June 28, 2000, unless otherwise ordered.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions with the District and suggested several minor changes. The District subsequently filed, on July 24, 2000, further revisions to the proposed schedule of terms and conditions.

We have now reviewed the revised Terms and Conditions and find them to be acceptable. We note, however, that the proposed revision includes a \$10.00 collection trip fee which, although acceptable, is inconsistent with the \$5.00 limit established in § 7.B of Chapter 86 of the Commission's Rules, Disconnection and Deposit Regulations for Non-Residential Utility Service. We agree that the collection trip fee for residential and non-residential customers should be consistent, and will grant the District an exemption from 65-407 CMR 86.7B.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

- 1. That the Harrison Water District is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7.B, that will allow the District to collect a \$10.00 collection trip fee from non-residential customers;
- 2. That Suspension Order No. 1, issued June 28, 2000, is hereby lifted; and
- 3. That the Harrison Water District schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1 through 5 all original, filed on July 24, 2000, are hereby approved to become effective for service rendered on or after August 15, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 15th day of August 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Welch Nugent Diamond

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